

## CLAIMS

1. An organic EL device comprising 1) a laminate consisting of an opposed pair of electrodes and an organic light-emitting layer sandwiched between the electrode, 2) a gas-tight housing accommodating said laminate and shielding off the external atmosphere and 3) a desiccating means disposed in isolation from said laminate within said gas-tight housing, characterized in that a preformed moisture-absorbing body as said desiccating means is fixedly secured to at least one part of said gas-tight housing.

2. An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein said preformed moisture-absorbing body comprises a desiccant and a resin component.

3. An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein said moisture-absorbing body is a body obtained by forming a mixture consisting of a desiccant and a resin component.

4. An organic EL device according to Claim 2 or 3 wherein the desiccant comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of alkaline earth metal oxides and sulfate salts.

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5. An organic EL device according to Claim 2 or 3 wherein said resin component is at least one kind of gas-permeable resin.

6. A method of manufacturing an organic EL device comprising 1) a laminate consisting of an opposed pair of electrodes and an organic light-emitting layer sandwiched between the electrodes, 2) a gas-tight housing accommodating said laminate and shielding off the external atmosphere and 3) a desiccating means disposed in isolation from said laminate within said gas-tight housing, characterized in that the method includes a step of fixing said preformed moisture-absorbing body as desiccating means to at least one part of said gas-tight housing.

7. A method of manufacturing an organic EL device comprising 1) a laminate consisting of an opposed pair of electrodes and an organic light-emitting layer sandwiched between the electrodes, 2) a gas-tight housing accommodating said laminate and shielding off the external atmosphere and 3) a desiccating means disposed in isolation from said laminate within said gas-tight housing, characterized in that the method includes a first step comprising preparing a preformed moisture-absorbing body comprising a desiccant and a resin component and a second

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step comprising fixing said preformed moisture-absorbing body as desiccating means to at least one part of said gas-tight housing.

8. A manufacturing method according to Claim 7 wherein said first step comprises forming a mixture consisting of a desiccant and a resin component to provide said preformed moisture-absorbing body.

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